Amendments To The Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any canceled claims at a later date.

1. (currently amended) A combustion chamber for a gas turbine, comprising:

a closed-circuit-cooled burner insert which can be disposed in an inlet opening of the combustion chamber for the purpose of feeding and/or igniting a combustible gas/air mixture;

an outlet opening;

a hot-gas-path component; ~~and~~

a sealing element that can be disposed between a mounting flange and a mounting area of the inlet opening; and

a planar shaped element disposed above and connected to the hot-gas-path component,

wherein the hot-gas-path component and the planar shaped element collectively form a channel which is fluidically connected to a coolant source on a first side and to the burner insert on a second side.

2. (previously presented) The combustion chamber according to Claim 1, wherein a retaining element is disposed on the outer side of the hot-gas-path component.

3. (previously presented) The combustion chamber according to Claim 2, wherein the retaining element can be centrally fixed to the baseplate by means of at least one mounting element.

4. (currently amended) The combustion chamber according to Claim 2, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the retaining element has a bearing surface on its end areas.

5. (currently amended) The combustion chamber according to Claim 1, wherein the planar shaped element ~~(8)~~ is covered by at least one cover element.

6. (previously presented) The combustion chamber according to Claim 1, wherein the hot-gas-path component is a planar baseplate disposed in the area of the inlet opening,

simultaneously forming part of the inner wall of the combustion chamber and being the means whereby the burner insert can be fixed.

7. (previously presented) The combustion chamber according to Claim 6, wherein the baseplate has a lateral cutout for accommodating the burner insert.

8. (currently amended) The combustion chamber according to Claim 6, wherein the baseplate has ~~a least one~~ the mounting flange for mounting on the inlet opening.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The combustion chamber according to Claim 1 ~~9~~, wherein the sealing element is of annular form.

11. (previously presented) The combustion chamber according to Claim 7, wherein the cutouts of two adjacently disposed baseplates form an opening enclosing the burner insert.

12. (previously presented) The combustion chamber according to Claim 6, wherein a connecting collar can be disposed between the baseplate and the burner insert.

13. (previously presented) The combustion chamber according to Claim 12, wherein the connecting collar is formed from two axially extending half shells.

14. (previously presented) The combustion chamber according to Claim 12, wherein the connecting collar has at least one radial bore which is connected at one end to the channel with its opposite end opening into an annular groove on the inner circumference of the connecting collar.

15. (previously presented) The combustion chamber according to Claim 12, wherein the connecting collar has at least one radial bore which is connected at one end to the channel

with its opposite end opening into an annular groove on the inner circumference of the connecting collar.

16. (previously presented) The combustion chamber according to Claim 14, wherein the annular groove is fluidically connected to the channel arrangement of the burner insert.

17. (previously presented) The combustion chamber according to Claim 12, wherein a sealing element, which can be fixed by means of the connecting collar, can be disposed between adjoining sides of two adjacently disposed baseplates.

18. (currently amended) A burner insert adapted for disposition in an inlet opening of a combustion chamber comprising:

a first area connected to an outer wall of the combustion chamber; and

a second area detachably connected to the ~~latter~~ first connected area and facing the combustion chamber, wherein the second area is connected to ~~the~~ an inlet opening of the combustion chamber via the baseplate,

wherein the combustion chamber comprises:

a closed-circuit-cooled burner insert which can be disposed in ~~an~~ the inlet opening of the combustion chamber for the purpose of feeding and/or igniting a combustible gas/air mixture;

an outlet opening;

a hot-gas-path component; ~~and~~

a sealing element that can be disposed between a mounting flange and a mounting area of the inlet opening; and

a planar shaped element disposed above and connected to the hot-gas-path component,

wherein the hot-gas-path component and the planar shaped element collectively form a channel which is fluidically connected to a coolant source on a first side and to the burner insert on a second side.

19. (currently amended) A gas turbine with a blade arrangement comprising:

a flow path with rotor blades disposed on a rotor;

a plurality of fixed stationary vanes; and

a combustion chamber disposed upstream of the blade arrangement in the flow direction of a gas flow,

wherein the combustion chamber comprises:

a closed-circuit-cooled burner insert which can be disposed in an inlet opening of the combustion chamber for the purpose of feeding and/or igniting a combustible gas/air mixture;

an outlet opening;

a hot-gas-path component; ~~and~~

a sealing element that can be disposed between a mounting flange and a mounting area of the inlet opening; and

a planar shaped element disposed above and connected to the hot-gas-path component,

wherein the hot-gas-path component and the planar shaped element collectively form a channel which is fluidically connected to a coolant source on a first side and to the burner insert on a second side.

20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The combustion chamber according to Claim 3, wherein the retaining element has a bearing surface on its end areas.

22. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The combustion chamber according to Claim 1, wherein the hot-gas-path component is a component of an inner wall of the combustion chamber.

23. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The gas turbine according to Claim 19, with a burner insert adapted for disposition in an inlet opening of a combustion chamber,

wherein the burner inlet comprising:

a first area connected to an outer wall of the combustion chamber; and

a second area detachably connected to the ~~latter~~ the first area and facing the combustion chamber, wherein the second area is connected to the inlet opening of the combustion chamber via the baseplate.